NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD, SAN DIEGO REGION

CONSIDERATION OF CLEANUP REQUIREMENTS FOR
THE SAN DIEGO BAY MARINE SEDIMENTS WITHIN AND ADJACENT TO
NATIONAL STEEL AND SHIPBUILDING COMPANY (NASSCO) AND SOUTHWEST
MARINE, INC. LEASEHOLDS

PUBLIC WORKSHOP

June 1, 2005 9:00 a.m. Regional Board Hearing Room 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100 San Diego California 92123-4340

PUBLIC HEARING June 29, 2005 9:00 a.m. Regional Board Hearing Room 9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100 San Diego California 92123-4340

PUBLIC WORKSHOP AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT

The California Regional Water Quality Control Board, San Diego Region (Regional Board) is considering the adoption of cleanup requirements for marine sediments located within and adjacent to the NASSCO and Southwest Marine Shipyard leaseholds. Elevated levels of pollutants in these marine sediments are causing or threatening to cause a condition of pollution that unreasonably impairs the suitability of waters of San Diego Bay for three categories of designated beneficial uses: Aquatic Life, Aquatic-Dependent Wildlife, and Human Health.

The Regional Board wishes to obtain public input on what persons should be held accountable for cleanup of the marine sediments, as well as the appropriate level and extent of sediment cleanup. Tentative Cleanup and Abatement Order (CAO) No. R9-2005-0126, which will be available for public review on April 29, 2005, includes proposed cleanup levels. A public workshop will be held on June 1, 2005, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Regional Board's office. The objective of the workshop is to provide an opportunity for the public to provide comments on the sediment cleanup and the tentative cleanup and abatement order.

PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC INPUT

The Regional Board will hold a public hearing on the sediment cleanup on June 29, 2005 beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the Board Room at the Regional Board's office. Please note that this special meeting is in addition to the regularly scheduled Board meeting for June.

Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing to present testimony. Oral statements will be heard, but for accuracy, important testimony and supporting documentation should be presented in writing prior to the hearing. Written testimony must be received in the Regional Board office no later than June 29, 2005, at the close of the hearing, to be considered by the Regional Board. Written material received by 5:00 p.m. on June 15, 2005, will be provided to the Regional Board

members prior to the hearing. Written submittals must be mailed or delivered to the Regional Board's office at:

9174 Sky Park Court, Suite 100 San Diego, CA 92123

Written material may also be submitted electronically by FAX or e-mail:

FAX: (858) 571-6972 (Attn: Agenda for Sediment Cleanup) **E-mail:** <u>rb9agenda@waterboards.ca.gov</u> (Include the word "Agenda" in the subject line).

Electronic submittals are subject to the above time deadlines and as long as the total submittal (including attachments) does not exceed five printed pages in length. In addition to the above described submittal methods, it is requested that all written testimony and submittals be submitted to the Regional Board via e-mail in MS Word format.

Pursuant to Title 23, California Code of Regulations, Section 648.2, the Regional Board may refuse to admit written testimony into evidence if it is not submitted to the Regional Board in a timely manner, unless the proponent can demonstrate why he or she was unable to submit the material on time or that compliance with the deadline would create an unreasonable hardship.

AVAILABILITY OF TENTATIVE CAO

Tentative CAO No. R9-2005-0126 will be available on April 29, 2005 and may be reviewed at the Regional Board office or on the Regional Board web page at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/sandiego/.

Questions concerning this notice may be directed to Mr. Tom Alo at:

Email: Talo@waterboards.ca.gov

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Please bring the foregoing to the attention of any persons you know who would be interested in this matter.

____/S/___ John H. Robertus Executive Officer April 27, 2005